

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Sitka City and Borough



Sitka City and Borough is located on the outer coast of Baranof Island in central Southeast Alaska. Seafood and other maritime related employment contribute significantly to Sitka's economy. Southeast Regional Health, the largest private sector employer in Southeast Alaska, is also headquartered here.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 8,615, a loss of about 220 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 62 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Educational and Health Services was the main industry in 2008, employing 20 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

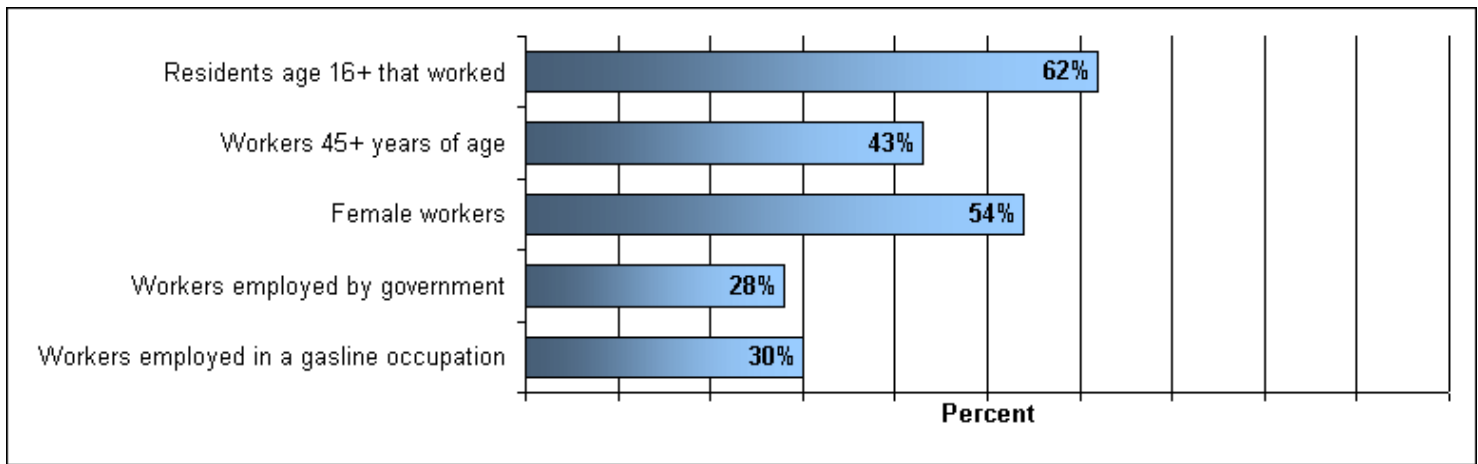
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Sitka City and Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	6,189	Total wages	\$117,308,180
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,842	Private	2,766
Male	1,775	State government	363
Female	2,061	Local government	713
Age 45+	1,649	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,210	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	3,442
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.8%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	417	Some construction	535
		At least 1 year construction	319
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	209
New hires	1,326	Worked in an AGIA occupation	2,383

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2008 Residents

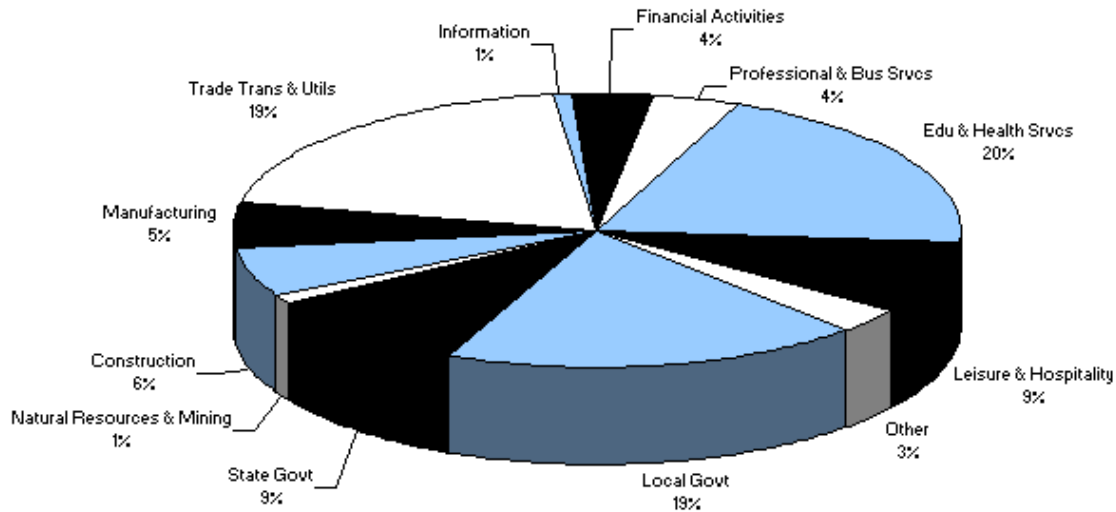


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Retail Salespersons	205	71.6%	50	7.8%	19.5%
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	97	20.8%	43	4.9%	77.4%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	95	43.6%	42	10.6%	12.5%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	85	80.0%	23	2.2%	3.4%
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	81	90.1%	43	4.8%	25.0%
Cashiers	71	71.8%	11	2.2%	28.0%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	70	5.7%	12	10.5%	34.2%
Tour Guides and Escorts	63	49.2%	18	8.0%	45.0%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB	61	95.1%	22	6.0%	10.8%
Waiters and Waitresses	60	71.7%	5	18.0%	27.0%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	58	69.0%	6	12.3%	19.8%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	56	89.1%	19	6.2%	18.8%
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	56	53.6%	14	6.2%	9.4%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	55	3.6%	25	0.0%	5.5%
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	52	0.0%	9	6.0%	16.7%
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	51	80.4%	19	7.3%	16.4%
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	51	88.0%	20	19.5%	32.2%
Teacher Assistants	50	80.0%	11	34.1%	3.4%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	47	74.5%	17	6.5%	4.3%
Social Workers, All Other	47	66.0%	17	6.1%	10.6%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	46	21.7%	15	22.9%	28.6%
Construction	219	6.4%	48	9.2%	21.6%
Manufacturing	201	23.0%	81	5.4%	69.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	760	49.5%	183	6.0%	24.7%
Information	39	46.2%	14	0.0%	10.9%
Financial Activities	139	66.9%	37	4.7%	8.0%
Professional and Business Services	147	56.2%	52	8.2%	23.5%
Educational and Health Services	765	69.2%	273	7.5%	12.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	332	63.4%	62	15.9%	35.0%
State Government	363	55.1%	150	8.4%	9.9%
Local Government	713	60.2%	259	6.7%	7.9%
Other	117	47.0%	35	2.3%	15.6%

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Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	243	194	194	168
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	7.9%	6.2%	6.6%	6.7%

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
Sitka Boro School Dist
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Sitka City & Borough Of
Sitka Community Hospital
Sitka Tribe of Alaska
Hames Corporation
University of AK
Westmark Hotels Inc
North Pacific Seafoods Inc

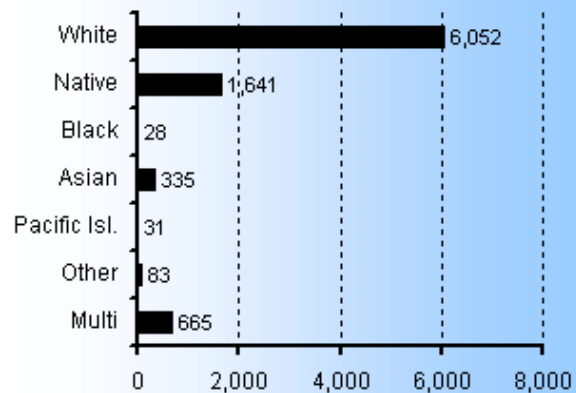
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	35.2
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.6
Per Capita Income	\$23,622
Median Family Income	\$62,361
Median Household Income	\$51,901

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

	Contract Average	Adjusted Average	Contract Median	Adjusted Median	Vacancy Rate
All Units	\$880	\$1,106	\$800	\$1,042	11.9%

Single Family Units

Average All SF Homes	\$1,036	\$1,343			
1 Bedroom	\$675	\$887	\$630	\$902	0.0%
2 Bedrooms	\$927	\$1,213	\$883	\$1,176	9.7%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,237	\$1,600	\$1,200	\$1,578	12.5%
4 Bedrooms	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Apartments

Average All Apartments	\$828	\$1,024			
0 Bedrooms	\$604	\$670	\$655	\$675	25.0%
1 Bedroom	\$669	\$812	\$690	\$810	6.7%
2 Bedrooms	\$847	\$1,054	\$807	\$1,042	7.2%
3 Bedrooms	\$1,125	\$1,419	\$1,100	\$1,406	20.0%

2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

	Heating	Hot Water	Cooking
Natural Gas	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oil	66.0%	29.9%	0.0%
Electric	33.4%	69.6%	97.9%
Other	0.6%	0.6%	2.1%

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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